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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, US,SF

SUBJECT: DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

REF: MONROVIA 01175

WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL FOR US TO COMMENT PUBLICLY AT THIS TIME ON TOLBERT'S EFFORTS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS. YOU MAY, HOWEVER, CONVEY FOLLOWING TO HIM IN PRIVATE, ASKING THAT IT NOT BE PASSED ON TO OTHERS.

(A) WE DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD PUBLICLY LEND OUR SUPPORT TO BLACK AFRICAN ATTEMPTS AT DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH AFRICA BECAUSE THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE THOSE WHO WILL MISINTERPRET OUR ACTIONS AS BEING SUPPORTIVE OF PRETORIA. IF THE UNITED STATES' ROLE BECAME CONTROVERSIAL IN THIS FASHION, THE RESULT COULD BE A HARDENING OF ATTITUDES THAT WOULD VITIATE THE EFFECTS OF TOLBERT'S LAUDABLE UNDERTAKING.

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(B) WE DO, HOWEVER, WELCOME INITIATIVES BY BLACK

AFRICAN STATES TO ESTABLISH MEANINGFUL COMMUNICATIONS WITH  
THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES  
THAT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CHANGE WILL SURELY  
COME TO SOUTH AFRICA, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. AND, AS TOLBERT  
KNOWS, WE HAVE LONG ENCOURAGED PEACEFUL CHANGE THERE. HIS  
EFFORTS AND THOSE OF OTHER BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS COULD WELL  
HELP BRING ABOUT CHANGE WITHOUT VIOLENCE, WHICH WOULD BE  
IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL SOUTH AFRICANS, BLACK AS WELL  
AS WHITE. INGERSOLL

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